

4. (amended) A semiclosed Brayton cycle [with direct heat transfer] power system according to claim 3 further comprising a flow through valve located between said auxiliary compressor and said accumulator for preventing backflow from said accumulator through said auxiliary compressor.

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are in the case. Claims 2-4 have been amended. Claims 1 and 5-7 have been allowed. The specification has been amended to effect minor corrections. No new matter is involved.

Claims 2-4 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, as being vague and confusing, and not describing the claimed invention in such full, clear, concise and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to make and use the invention, or as failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention; the Examiner contending that the claims 2-4 are drawn to a "semiclosed Brayton cycle with direct heat transfer" and basic claim 1 is only drawn to a "semiclosed Brayton cycle power system."

These rejections and objections are respectfully traversed in view of this amendment.

The specification has been amended on page 1 to more specifically refer to certain copending patents as suggested by the Examiner without adding any new matter.

Claims 2-4 have been amended, the preamble of each of the above claims having been amended by removing the reference to